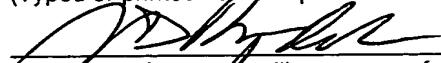


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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.97 and 1.98, and in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 1.56, the Office's attention is directed to the patents, publications and other information listed on the attached PTO-1449. A copy of each listed document is enclosed. Regarding the documents listed on the attached PTO-1449, Applicant believes the same may qualify as "prior" art to this application and should be treated accordingly, although Applicant reserves the right to contest the prior art status of any document cited herein.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.97(b), this Statement is being filed within three (3) months of the filing date of the application. No fee is required.

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